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SUBJ: BORDER SMUGGLERS GIVEN PRISON TERMS UNDER ARTICLE 21

1. PRIME MINISTER THANIN KRAIWICHIAN EXERCISED HIS POWERS OF SUMMARY PUNISHMENT UNDER ARTICLE 21 OF THE CONSTITUTION ON JULY 25 TO ORDER PRISON TERMS RANGING FROM FIVE TO 15 YEARS FOR 22 POLICEMEN, CUSTOMS AND CIVIL OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES ALONG THE CAMBODIAN BORDER FROM MID-1976 TO JANUARY 1977.

2. ACCORDING TO BANGKOK PRESS REPORTS, THANIN'S DECISION, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE CABINET AND THE PRIME MINISTER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL (PMAC), FOLLOWED A THREE MONTH INVESTIGATION WHICH REVEALED THAT OFFICIALS, MOST OF WHOM WERE BASED IN THE BORDER DISTRICT OF ARANYAPRATHET, HAD COLLUDED IN THE SUMGGLING OF LARGE QUANTITIES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES INTO CAMBODIA IN RETURN FOR BRIBES FROM LOCAL TRADERS.

3. THE USE OF ARTICLE 21 BYPASSES THE COURTS, AND IN THIS INSTANCE, DEMONSTRATES THE PRIME MINISTER'S CONCERN FOR (1) THE ISSUE OF CORRUPTION BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND (2) SUPPLYING CAMBODIANS WITH ESSENTIAL GOODS IN THE SENSITIVE BORDER AREA.
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